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1. Uranium Ore Mines

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a. Bratrstvi Mine

1. This mine is located approximately 1 km north of the building of the Jachymov Mines Directorate. Ing. Winkelhofer is the head of the mine; his deputy is Prochazka, an ardent Communist (also chairman of the ROH, Revolutionary Trade Union Movement, and chairman of the KOH, Regional Committee of the Revolutionary Trade Union Movement).
2. The mine extends over an area 1 km long and 250 to 300 m wide; it is 750 m deep and has 10 levels. Above the pit there are two processing rooms (one old and one new), machinery for loading the ore of poor quality into wagons, and machinery for putting the ore of good quality into boxes. One wagon comprises about 600 kg of ore, 1 box about 30 kg.
3. Bratrstvi is the central ore depot for all the mines in the Jachymov area. The labor force comprises about 200 Czech and Slovak miners and about 800 German prisoners of war who live in the PW camp located within the area of the mine. The entire area of the mine is fenced off with barbed wire and guarded by armed members of the Workers' (Factory) Militia or SNB from four guard-towers (placed in each corner of the fence). The Factory Militia and the SNB have separate guard rooms. During the night, the whole area is illuminated.

b. Rovnost Mine

The Rovnost Mine is located approximately 5 km west of Jachymov. Ing. Stejskal, now dismissed, was formerly the mine manager. The mine supervisor, V. Hruby, former deputy to Stejskal, holds the post of manager at present. Hruby is an ardent Communist. The mine is about 720 m deep and has 7 levels. One of the most important ore veins is the Bergkutter; the names of the other veins are: Svycar, Jeronya, Red Vein (Cervena Zila), Gaistor, and Fludr. The labor force consists of about 300 Czech and Slo-

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vak miners and about 500 German prisoners of war stationed in the PW camp located within the area of the mine. The area is guarded by SNB members exclusively and is illuminated during the night.

c. Elias Mine

1. This mine is located about 7 km north of Jachymov (beyond Bratrstvi). Ing. Pihyr has recently been appointed manager of the mine; he is 28 years old, an ardent Communist, lives in Potucky (Breitenbach), and comes to the mine regularly by car. His deputy, Fr. Weidl, mine supervisor, is not a Communist. (Within the area of the Elias Mine there is another mine called Jirina which is about 80 m deep.)
2. The Elias Mine is 160 m deep and has two levels. The first level, called Slik's, is at a depth of 40 m and the second, called Barbora, at a depth of 160 m. At the depth of the lower level, there are the Barbora and Fludr veins extending here from the Rovnost Mine.
3. There are two preliminary processing rooms here, and a new processing building is now being built. When the new processing building is finished, Elias will be the largest (most productive) establishment within the Jachymov area. The mine employs 200 Czechs, 60 German civilians, and about 600 German PWs. The area of the mine is illuminated at night.

d. Svornost Mine

The Svornost Mine is located on the outskirts of the town close to the road leading to Bozi Dar. Ing. Kalab, 45, a Communist, is the mine manager. His deputy is Proks, mine supervisor (previously a National Socialist, now a Communist). The pit is 850 m deep; above it a new mining tower is being built. The labor force comprises 150 Czechs and Slovaks, 50 German civilians, and about 200 German PWs living in a camp on the premises.

e. Zalesi Mine

This mine consists of one pit and one independent drift. The mine is located on the way from Elias to Mariasorg. Ostatek, mine supervisor, holds the post of manager there; a former member of the Czech National Socialist Party, he is now a member of the Communist Party. Only German prisoners of war under the supervision of 3 Czechs are working in the mine. The Zalesi Mine contains the best quality ore within the entire Jachymov area. Occasional deposits contain from 45 to 60 percent of radium ore.

f. Jeronym Mine in Abertamy

This is 60 m deep and comprises 8 drifts; work is going on in all of the drifts. Kolek, mine supervisor, who came from Ostrava, is the mine manager. The ore mined here is of good quality but the output of the mine is low.

g. Marie Antoinette Mine

This mine is located very close to the town of Jachymov. The mine consists of 18 drifts with mining going on in all of them. A new drift,

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named Leopold, has been opened recently; the ore found in the new drift is of a very high quality. Pavlas, mine supervisor, is the mine manager. New compressors and drilling machines have recently been delivered to the Leopold drift, as well as to others.

1. Experimental Digging

In the Jachymov area there are about 200 places in which experimental digging is done. The search for uranium ore deposits is conducted mostly in abandoned coal drifts (although several new drifts have been cut). When the experimental digging shows good results a new mine is opened; if the results are poor, the drift is abandoned. About two to four men are working in each of the experimental drifts. New drifts have been cut in the following localities: Durnberg, Potucký (Breitenbach), Vejprty, Boží Dar, Prebuz, Holzbach, Sejfy (Seifen), Horní Zdr, Horní Slavkov, Mariánské Lázně (Marienbad), Příbram, and Oravská Magura (in Slovakia).

2. Russian Research Expedition

A special Russian expedition is searching for uranium ore deposits within the Krkonose (Riesengebirge) area. Source heard that a uranium ore deposit was found at Jelenia Góra (Hirschberg) on the Polish side of the Krkonose.

3. Security Personnel of the Jachymov Mines

- a. Staff Captain Kocian is Security Officer for the entire Jachymov area.
- b. Captain Morozov (Russian) is Commandant of Guards for all uranium ore mines.
- c. Lieutenant Krina (Russian) is Commandant of the guards in Jachymov.
- d. Captain Kravcenko (Russian) is Commandant of the guards in Prebuz (Fruhbus).
- e. Lieutenant Kubancik (Slovak) is Deputy Commandant of the guards in Prebuz (Fruhbus).

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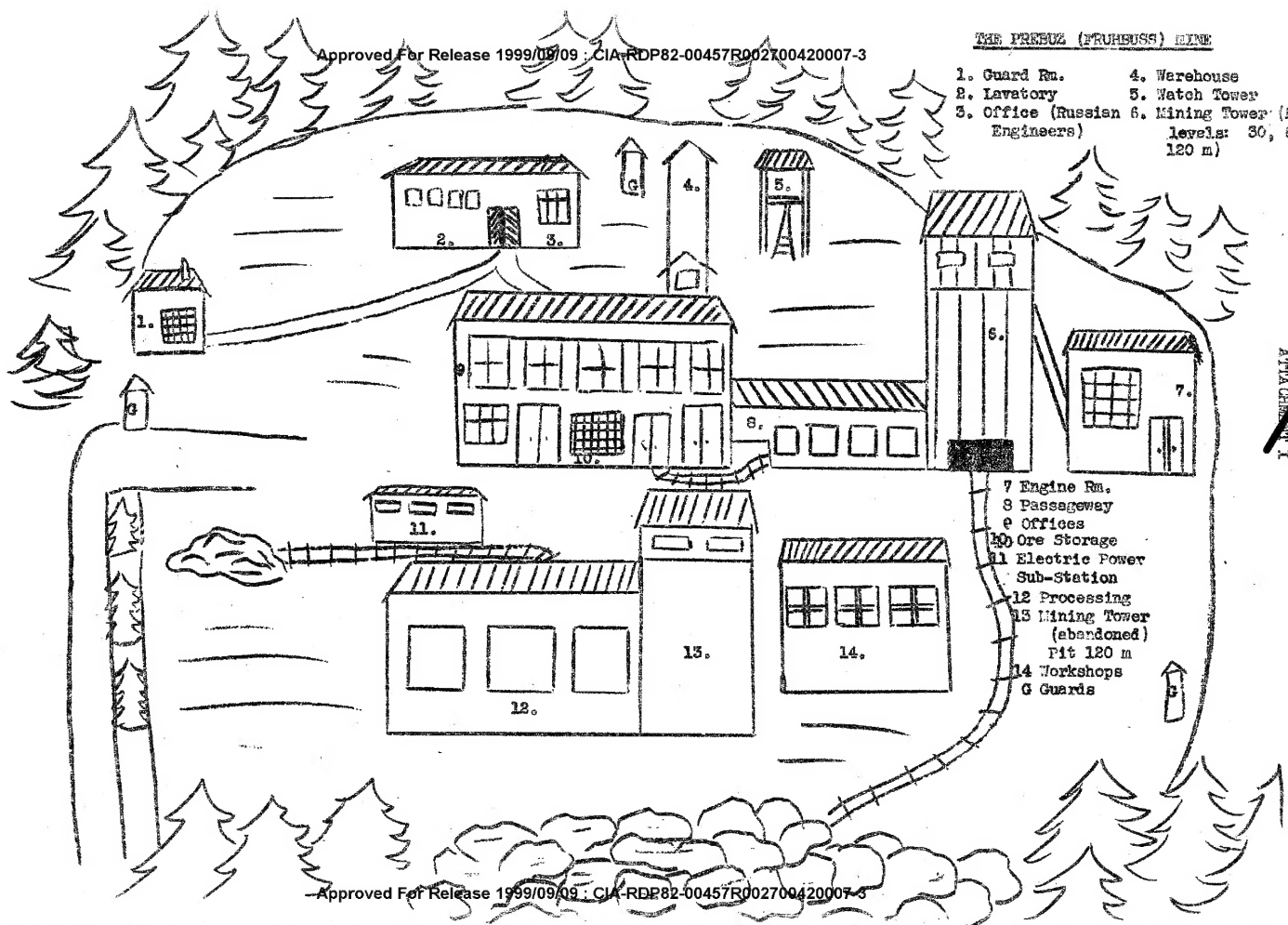
All purchases for the Jachymov Mines must be paid for in American dollars even in cases when the items purchased could easily be obtained on the Czech market. As a proof, the following bills are quoted by source:

- No. 55-10-009 dated 15 Sep. 1948: \$2,716.40 for batteries
- No. 55-10-011 dated 8 Sep. 1948: \$9,490.00 for 3 transformers
- No. 55-10-012 dated 14 Sep. 1948: \$13,910.13 for cable wire

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THE FREEZE (FRUBUSS) MINE

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| 1. Guard Rm. | 4. Warehouse |
| 2. Lavatory | 5. Watch Tower |
| 3. Office (Russian Engineers) | 6. Mining Tower (Pit 130 levels: 30, 60, 80, 120 m) |



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